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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5550

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR MFM ETRD EC VE MX

SUBJECT: RABASA CALLS DECISION TO BOYCOTT MFM AN "ERROR".

1. FONSEC EMILIO RABASA ATTENDED LECTURE BY MIT PROF. LINCOLN BLOOMFIELD AT SECRETARIAT'S NEW FOREIGN SERVICE SCHOOL JANUARY 7 AND TOOK PART IN QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD BY EXPRESSING SOME DOUBTS ABOUT BLOOMFIELD'S VIEW OF US-MEXICAN "INTERDEPENDENCE".

2. AFTERWARD, RABASA WAS ASKED BY NEWSMEN ABOUT DECISION BY ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA TO BOYCOTT BUENOS AIRES MFM IN PROTEST AGAINST TRADE REFORM ACT. RABASA CALLED THEIR DECISION AN "ERROR", ADDING THAT WHOLE POINT OF TLATELOLCO DIALOGUE WAS TO POSE SUCH PROBLEMS AND COMPLAINTS DIRECTLY TO US. IN HIS OPINION, COUNTRIES ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY TRA SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BUENOS AIRES MEETING FOR JUST THIS PURPOSE.

3. RE TRA ITSELF, RABASA SAID HE WAS NOT YET THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH ITS TEXT AND WAS SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON AND A DETAILED ANALYSIS FROM SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. HE SAID TRA SEEMED TO CONTAIN NOTHING SPECIFICALLY DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST MEXICO, SINCE IT WAS NOT A MEMBER OF

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OPEC, BUT HE THEN QUALIFIED HIMSELF BY NOTING THAT SIMILAR

DISCRIMINATION COULD BE APPLIED AGAINST PRODUCERS OF OTHER
PRIMARY PRODUCTS. IF THIS TURNED OUT TO BE THE CASE, HE CONCLUDED,
MEXICO WOULD MAKE ITS PROTEST DIRECTLY AND FORCEFULLY TO USG.
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